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I understand that there will be a hearing on Wednesday, June 6, 2007 at 9:30 AM to discuss changes in rules for public participation in hearings. The street talk is that the Commission is considering making it more difficult for individual ratepayers to make their voices heard.

I was born in another country and became a US citizen. As I studied for citizenship and embraced the history and constitution of the United States, I found great joy in the political methods set up by the founding fathers and subsequently refined for the good of the People (note my capitalization). One of the key principles is that the People consent to be governed by the elected officials. The Commission represents elected officials and thus the People.

The Commission's duty should be to enlarge the ability of the People to give their opinions so that the Commission can represent all. The word Public in your title highlights your responsibility. The voice of even one knowledgeable member of public who is informed, logical, and well researched must be heard and weighed in the balance. On the other side of the balance may be many voices of paid lobbyists, attorneys, employees, and stakeholders who tell their part of the story.

The voice of the ratepayer is just as important as that of attorneys. It is highly inappropriate to limit those who address public bodies to attorneys. Consider the town meetings in New England.

You have duty not to succumb to the pressure of the utilities like grass blowing in the wind.

I would be grateful if you would consider this opinion in your hearing and remember your duty as public servants. Civil servants and bureaucrats have the ability to wield enormous power; good ones do not abuse that power but use it for the common good.

Sincerely,

Richard Davies

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